

A PSALM of Thanksgiving, to be Sung by the Children of *Christ's-Hospital*, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Easter-week, (according to ancient custom) for their Founders and Benefactors. 1687.

Monday.

VERSE I.

A foolish World, that think't there is no Rich--s but Ex--cess! thou tak'st thy Measures much a-mis: all then enough is left.

Then rich, beyond all doubt, are we. for whom God doth provide; that all our Wishes an--swer'd be, and all our Wants supply'd.

And more than this we do not crave, nor en--vy o--thers Store. Not, who has not, what others have, but he who needs it's poor. Come then lets, &c.

CHORUS.

Come, let us sing, to God the Spring whence our Abundance flows: nor on--ly raise our Voice to's Praise, but live at his dispose.

This Chorus is to be Sung by all the Children, and repeated after every Verse.

VERSE II.

Ah, foolish World, that Humane Bliss confinest to receiving! Thou tak'st false Measures: for there is more happiness in giving. Then happy they, whose Cost and Care so many Orphans feed!

Yea, happy they, beyond compare, whose Gifts do Givers breed! Whence, (mov'd by some Examples) we hope God may bless us so, That of Receivers, we may be made happy Givers too. Chorus. Come let us, &c.

VERSE III.

Men call's poor Orphans; true, we were such, when our Parents di'd: But now, nor Poor, nor Orphans, are, whiles you for us provide. In price of what they wear and eat, tho' many us excell: The Bird that finest Feathers wears, no warmer is for that! And tho' some feed on Wheaten Ears, yet others are as fat. Chorus. Come let us, &c.

But (what's far more than this,) we own the Breeding you us give, Doth all our other Mercies crown, by learning us to live. We are not better fed, than taught both Vertue, and the Arts: And if with both we are not fraught, 'tis we neglect our Parts. And such a great Ingratitude fore all good Men would shame us: Yea, (which is more to be eschew'd,) our conscience would blame us. Chorus. Come let us, &c.

VERSE V.

OF Six, that bare that Royal Name, Edward the best and last, Three Hospitals of Noble Fame, hath in this City plac'd. But Charles our late (now blessed) King, hath enlarg'd our Foundation: Whose Glory through the World shall ring, by means of Navigation. For never shall his Scholars fail, their Founders Name to spread, But tell all Nations where they Sail, the Royal CHARLES is bred. Chorus. Come let us, &c.

Our other Benefactors too, we must not overlook: But pray, (for that's all we can do,) God write 'em all in's Book. May Heav'n's K. James protect, and bless, with all the branches Royal: Maintain this City's Wealth and Peace: and keep its Members loyal. May th' House that us poor Orphans feeds on firm Foundations stand: And blessings answering all its needs God from on high command. Chorus. Come let us, &c.

A true REPORT of the great number of poor Children, and other poor People, Maintained in the several HOSPITALS under the pious Care of the LORD MAYOR, Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of LONDON, the Year last past.

Children put forth Apprentices, and discharged out of *Christ's-Hospital*, the year last past 105, Ten whereof being instructed in the *MATHEMATICKS* and *NAVIGATION*, were plac'd forth Apprentices to Commanders of Ships out of the *Mathematical-School*, Founded by the late King's Majesty, of Blessed Memory. Children buried the year last past 8. Children now remaining under the Care and Charge of the said Hospital, which are kept in the House, and at Nurse elsewhere, 683 and 789. 106 newly admitted, amounting in all to 789. The Names of all which are Registered in the Books kept in the said Hospital, and are to be seen, as also when and whence they were admitted. Which being so many in number, and the Charge of keeping them very great, (and being still depressed by the very great loss which was sustained by the late dreadful Fire,) it is not doubted but many worthy and good Christians will liberally assist toward so usefull and beneficial a Charity: The stated and certain Revenue of the said Hospital amounting to very little more than a Moiety of their necessary and unavoidable Charge. There have been Cured in the Hospital of *St. Bartholomew* the year last past, of Wounded, Sick, and Maimed Souldiers and Seamen, and other diseased Persons, from several parts of the Dominions of the King's Most Excellent Majesty, and from Foreign Parts; many of which have been relieved with Monies, and other Necessaries at their departure, though (as it hath pleased God) the greatest part of the Revenues of the said Hospital was consumed by the late dreadful Fire. Buried this year after much Charges on them 254. Persons remaining under Cure in the said Hospital 268. There have been Cured in the Hospital of *St. Thomas* the year last past of Wounded, Sick, and Maimed Souldiers and Seamen, and other diseased Persons, from several parts of the Dominions of the King's Most Excellent Majesty, and from Foreign Parts; many of which have been relieved with Monies and other Necessaries at their departure, though (as it hath pleased God) the greatest part of the Revenues of the said Hospital was consumed by the late dreadful Fire which happened in September, 1666. In May, 1676. and in June, 1681. Buried this year after much Charge in the time of their Sickness 195. Remaining under Cure at the Charge of the said Hospital 223.

Recieved this last year into the Hospital of *Bridewell*, Vagrants and other indigent and miserable People, many whereof had both clothing, and such other relief as their necessities required, being in great distress, and sent by passes into their native Countries 1069. Maintained in the said Hospital, and brought up in divers Arts and Trades, at the only Charge of the said Hospital Apprentices, notwithstanding it pleased God, the Hospital, and all the Houses within the Precinct thereof, (which was the greater part of its Revenue) were wholly consumed by the late dreadful Fire; besides the great loss sustained in the remains of its Revenue by two terrible Fires, the one in June 1673. and the other in November, 1682. which happened in Wapping 122. The Hospital of *Bethlem* is of great necessity for the keeping and curing Distracted Persons, whose misery of all others is the more deplorable, because they do not apprehend the same, it disabling the Mind as well as the Body. Brought into the same Hospital the last year Distracted Men and Women 52. Cured of their Lunacy, and discharged thence the said year 36. Distracted Persons buried the last year 19. Now remaining there under Cure, and provided for with Physick, Dyer, and other Relief, at the Charge of the said Hospital 118. The Charge whereof is great, and the Revenue of the said Hospital so small, as not to amount to one half part of the yearly Expences thereof; And the Building of the Old Hospital of *Bethlem*, being Ruinous, and not capacious to receive and contain the great number of Distracted Persons; for the admission of whom, daily applications are made to the Governours thereof. Upon a Christian and Charitable Consideration of the Premises, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of London, did lately grant sufficient ground to erect a more commodious House for the keeping and Curing the said Lunatics, and Distracted Persons: In the Building and Finishing whereof, the Governours of the said Hospital, have laid out and disbursed above Seventeen Thousand Pounds, whereby not only the whole Stock of the said Hospital is Expended, but the Governours thereof have been necessitated to take up several great Sums of Money for the Finishing the same, for which they pay Interest. And therefore the said Hospital is a very fit object of all good Mens Charity, to do as God shall enable them, towards the relief of the said poor Lunatics, and payment of their Debts; There having been, and daily are, by the Blessing of God, and the Charge of the said Hospital, and the care of those that are intrusted therewith, divers reduced to their former Senses.

Christ's-Hospital.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

St. Thomas Hospital.

1069 Bridewell Hospital.

122 Bethlem Hospital.

Pray remember the Poor.